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State Awards Grants to Assist in Landfill Closures

Colebrook, Hillsborough, and Nashua Receive Funding from DES

Concord, NH – Department of Environmental Services Commissioner Thomas Burack announced today that the towns of Colebrook, Hillsborough, and Nashua have been awarded five grants totaling \$2,932,732.72, to assist in the closure of their municipal solid waste landfills. The Governor and Executive Council approved the grants at a recent meeting.

“These grants continue the State’s effort to protect groundwater quality by properly closing unlined landfills,” noted Commissioner Burack. “This funding helps make it more financially possible for communities to undertake these important projects.”

The Town of Colebrook received its grant to assist with additional costs associated with the closure of the Colebrook Unlined Municipal Landfill. The grant totaled \$119,197.49 with the entire project costing \$595,987.47.

Hillsborough received its grant totaling \$359,237.82 for the closure of its 3.5-acre unlined municipal landfill site. The grant helps to defray costs associated with the closure. The total cost of the landfill closure is estimated at over \$1,781, 286.00.

The city of Nashua received two grants for the closure of the City of Nashua’s Multi-Site Project and a grant for costs associated with the closure of Phase II of the Four Hills Unlined Municipal Landfill. The grants totaled \$405,458.13, \$269,331.06, and \$1,779,508.22 respectively.

This grant program, which is administered by the DES, has helped many towns design and construct landfill caps, reducing the risk of contaminating surface and groundwater. Municipalities can be reimbursed for 20 percent of eligible landfill closure costs under the state’s grant program.

To date, the state has approved more than \$38 million in grants to 144 municipalities for landfill and incinerator closure costs. Funding for the grant program is supported through general funding approved by the legislature and Governor.

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